

**Ad hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel  
to contribute further to the sound management of  
chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution**

**First session**

Nairobi, 6 October 2022 and Bangkok, 30 January–3 February 2023  
Agenda item 5

**Options for the timetable and organization of work of the ad hoc  
open-ended working group**

**Outcome of the contact group on organization of work of the ad  
hoc open-ended working group on a science-policy panel to  
contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and  
waste and to prevent pollution**

With reference to document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/1/6 and taking into account the deliberations of the open-ended working group at its resumed first session, including in the contact groups on scope and functions and organization of work of the open-ended working group, the following guidance is provided for the organization of work of the ad hoc open-ended working group:

- a) The second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be held in person in the period between October 2023 and January 2024. The secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau, will communicate the final date and venue of that second session by 1 July 2023 at the latest.
- b) Following the generous offer by the Government of Switzerland, the third session of the ad hoc open-ended working group will be held from 17 to 21 June 2024 in Geneva.
- c) The secretariat will initiate preparations for the second session, including the preparation of documents and intersessional activities as presented in the Appendix to this document.
- d) The secretariat will update the budget as contained in document UNEP/SPP-CWP/OEWG.1/1/6 accordingly and present it, as well as an overview of expenditures, to the second session of the ad hoc open-ended working group.

## Appendix

<b>Draft elements of a proposal to establish a Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution</b>	Proposal development process	
	OEWG 2	OEWG 3
<b>Objectives, principal functions and operating principles</b>		
	<b>Documents to be prepared for the meeting</b>	<b>Documents to be prepared for the meeting</b>
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(b) Name and scope of the panel;</i>	Continue scope discussion	Propose name
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(c) Principal functions of the panel;</i>	Prepare mapping of capacity building in chemicals waste and pollution space	
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(j) Rules of procedure</i>	working document on examples Building on INF7 including options of an outline of the ROPs	
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(j) operating principles governing the work of the Panel</i>	Working document on examples of operating principals  Working document consolidated by the Secretariat containing information from	Draft text à Final text

	the relevant section of the meeting report Written submission from member states and relevant stakeholders	
Member States and stakeholder input on needs and questions the Panel may handle		
<b>Institutional design and governance*</b>		
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(a) Institutional design and governance of the panel</i>	working document on examples Building on INF5 including proposals prepared by the secretariat of the institutional design and governance  Webinars followed by informal consultations / brainstorming	Draft text à Final text
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(h) Arrangements for secretariat support for the panel</i>	Working document on examples Including proposals prepared by the secretariat	Draft text à Final text
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(k) An indicative budget for the panel</i> <i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(i) Options for voluntary financing of the work of the panel</i>	Working document including examples on 5(i)	<b>Working document on 5(k)</b>
<b>Possible Annexes</b>		
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(d) Relationships of the panel with relevant key stakeholders, including governmental and non-governmental organizations, and civil society,</i>	Working document on examples  Webinars followed by informal consultations /brainstorming	Draft text à Final text

	This could incl consideration of those organizations and entities listed in INF/4	
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(e) Processes for determining and executing the work programme of the panel;</i>	Working document on examples	Draft text à Final text
<i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(f) Arrangements for identifying and engaging with experts to contribute to the work of the panel;</i>	Working document on examples	Draft text à Final text
Resolution 5/8 para 5(g) Procedures for the review and adoption of reports and assessments produced by the panel;	Working document on examples	Draft text à Final text
1. <i>Resolution 5/8 para 5(l) Any other matters that the ad hoc open-ended working group believes should be addressed;</i>		
<b>non exhaustive list of items for future work</b>		
Horizon scanning procedures		
Policy for safeguarding commercially sensitive information		
Communications strategy		
Indicative budget for the panel		
Gender policy and implementation plan		